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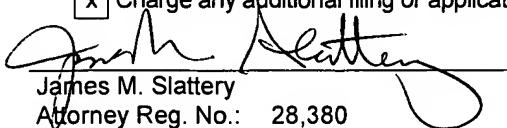
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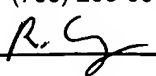
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.